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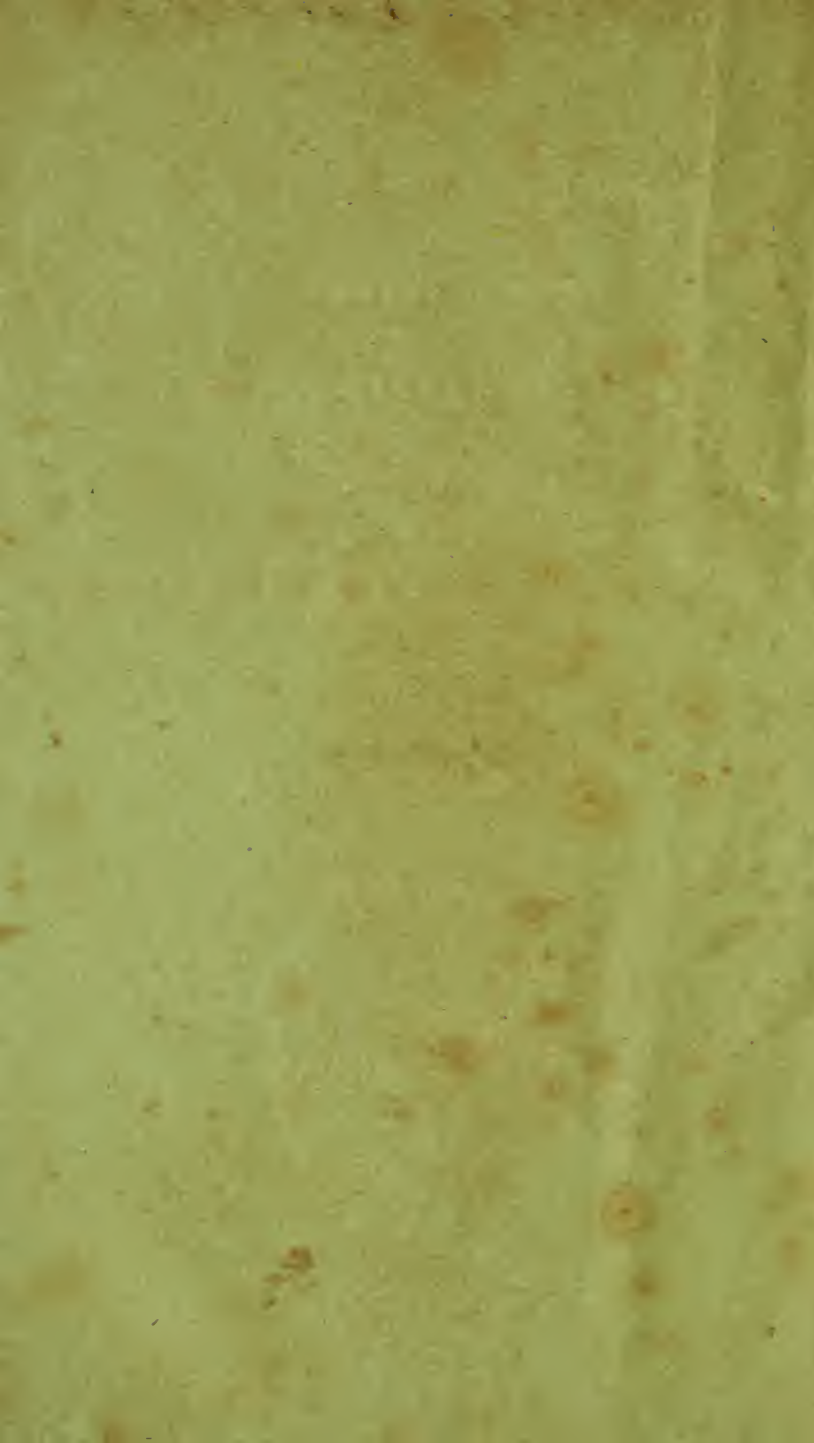
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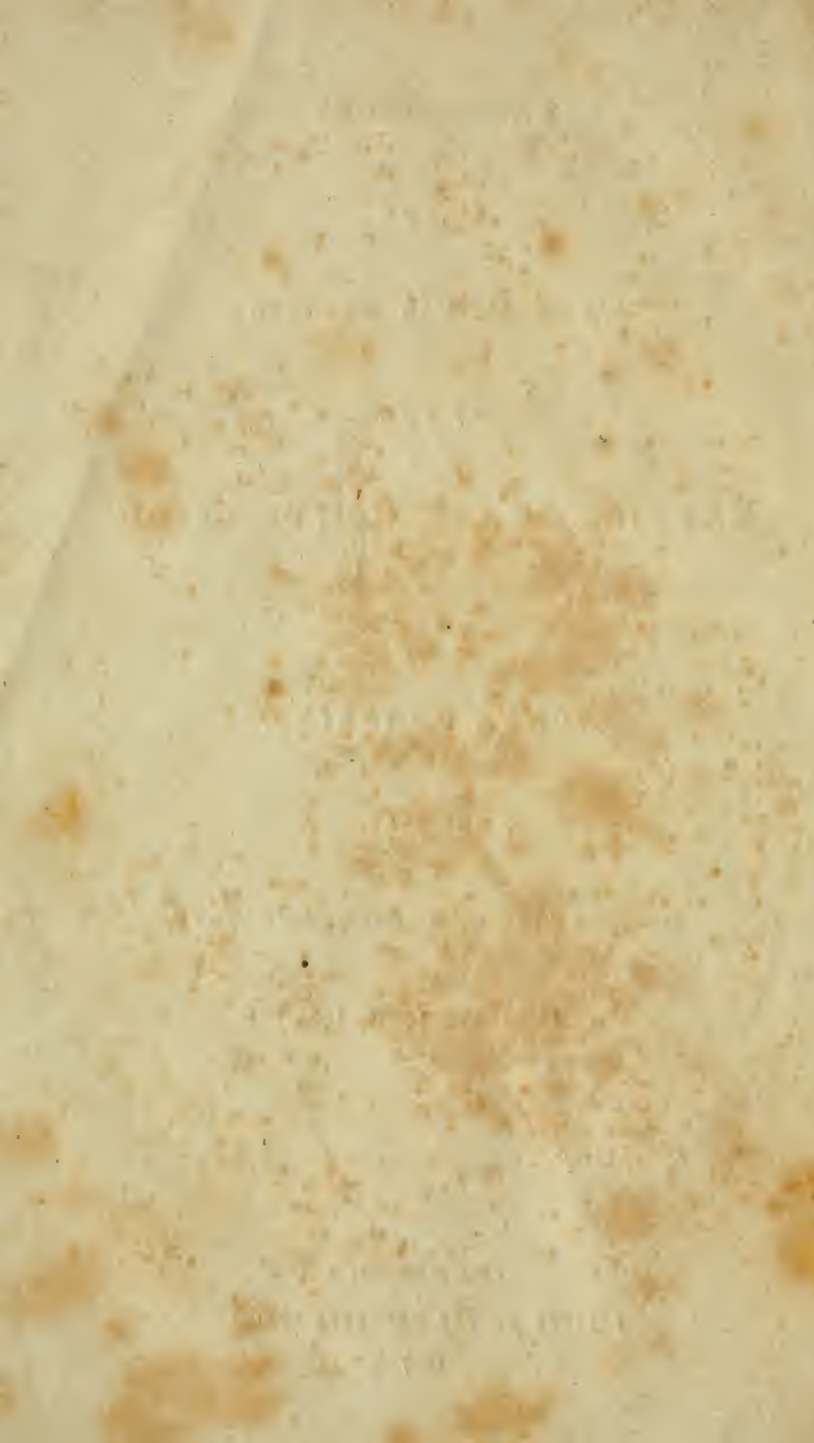
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The Introductory Sermon was delivered by John Armstrong, from Mat. 25. 21. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

The Convention was then called to order by the President, and was opened by prayer by J. Kerr.

Brethren J. B. Outlaw, G. W. Thompson, and J. Ballard, were appointed a Committee of Finance.

Letters, Contributions, and Delegates were presented as follow :

COUNTIES.	SOCIETIES.	DELEGATES.	POST OFFICES.
Wake,	Wake Forest,	{ S. Wait, J. Armstrong, T. Meredith, H. L. Graves, J. B. Outlaw, G. Ryan,	Wake Forest.
	Wake Union, Wake Liberty, Cross Roads,	Wm. Crenshaw, D. Justice, H. S. Spivey, J. B. Cook,	do. do. Rolesville.
Cumberland,	{ Cape Fear Asso- ciation, { Union Female { Mis. Society,	{ J. McDaniel, J. S. Mims, { E. Davis, & R. Melvin, { Samuel Mims and { John Smith,	Fayetteville. do.
	Chatham,	Sandy Creek Asso., Fall Creek, Bear Creek, Mineral Spring, Cane Creek, Rock Spring,	M. D. Freeman, { G. W. Thompson, W. S. { Por, W. H. Merritt, { Elisha Burns, { Simeon White, { Wm. Burns, { J. B. Ballard, { A. Roby, and { A. Beggarly,
Iredell,	New Hope,	{ A. Roby, and { A. Beggarly,	Country Line.
Moore,	Bethlehem,	{ Enoch Crutchfield, { Wm. Hooper,	Sandy Grove.
Orange,	Mount Zion,	{ F. Hawley, A. Dockery, { G. Northam, { R. D. Bumpass, { T. Haliburton,	Dockery's Store. Roxboro'.
Richmond,	Carthledge's Creek,		
Person,	Olive Branch,		
Columbus, Granville,	Prong Hill, Grass Field,		

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Granville,	Tabb's Creek, { Beulah Associa- tion, do. do.	{ W. Graves, John Stamps, Wm. H. Jordan, Thomas B. Barnett, George Doughlass,	Yanceyville.
Wilkes, Montgomery, Rowan,	Grassy Creek, Brier Creek, Bethlehem, Eaton's church, Fork M. House, Jersey M. House, Edenton, Chowan Associa., Sandy Run, Bethel,	Isaac N. Frost, John Culpeper, Sen., Josiah J. Finch, Chas. W. Skinner,	Raleigh. Waterloo. Judesville. Moxyville. Beverly. Edenton. Herford.
Bertie, Perquimans, Sampson, Anson, Ashe, Franklin,	Goshen Association Rocky River, do. do. Maple Spring,	Richard Jacks, Amos J. Battle,	Jeffersonton. Nashville.
Mecklenburg,	{ Ladies of Shiloh congregation, Charlotte For- eign & H. Mis- sionary Society, do. do.	S. Fox, C. J. Fox,	Charlotte.
Rockingham,		Robert W. Lawson,	Lawson's Store.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year :

ALFRED DOCKERY, President,
THOS. MEREDITH, }
J. B. OUTLAW, } Vice Presidents,
SAML. WAIT, }
JOHN ARMSTRONG, Cor. Secretary,
JAMES M'DANIEL, Rec. Secretary,
AMOS J. BATTLE, Treasurer.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats; whereupon brethren J. Kerr and Abraham M. Poindexter, from the General Association of Virginia, and H. A. Wilcox, Agent of the American Home Missionary Society, were seated accordingly.

The following Committees were appointed, viz. on Foreign Missions, Hooper, Wilcox, and Jordan; on Domestic Missions, Meredith, Spivey, and Culpeper; on Education, Armstrong, Battle, and Skinner; on the Wake Forest Institute, Outlaw, Freeman, and Barnett; on the expediency of a Female Institute, Hooper, Armstrong, and Meredith; on Periodicals, Poindexter, Thompson, and Finch; on Sunday Schools, Ballard, Hawley, and Cook; on Temperance, Culpeper, Meredith, and Northam; on American Home Missions, Wilcox, Armstrong, and Meredith; on Tracts, Kerr, Douglas, and Jacks; on the Board of Managers, Battle, Thompson, and Meredith; on the expediency of sending Delegates to the Bible Convention in Philadelphia next April, Jordan, Skinner, and Battle; on the Treasury, Armstrong, Battle, and Frost; on the Agency, Skinner, Thompson, and McDaniel.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by bro. Wilcox.

Nov. 12th.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by bro. Meredith.

The names of Delegates were called.

The Bye Laws of the Convention were read.

The reports of the Agents were called for; upon which J. Culpeper, Sen., and F. Hawley, Agents for the last year, read their reports, which were accepted and ordered to be published. See Appendix.

The reports of the missionaries were called for;—whereupon G. Douglas, M. Piland, and M. D. Freeman reported respectively; which reports were referred to the Cor. Sec. with an order that an abstract of the same should be prepared for publication.

The committee appointed last year to settle with the former Treasurer, Chas. McAllister, made report, which was received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes. See Appendix.

Resolved, that the next session of the Convention be held at May's Chapel, Chatham co., 8 miles south west of Pittsboro'; to commence on Friday preceeding the 1st. Lord's day in November, 1837. A. J. Battle was appointed to preach the Introductory sermon; T. Meredith, the sermon in behalf of the Convention on Sabbath; and J. M'cDaniel, the Conventional sermon on Saturday.

The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas God has taken from earth that devoted minister, Elder Luther Rice; therefore, *Resolved*, that we regard the death of Elder Rice as a most severe loss to the Baptist denomination: *Resolved*, that we believe that, under God, Elder Rice has contributed largely, perhaps more so than any individual now living, to the elevation of the Baptist churches in the United States, and that for his labours in the cause of missions and ministerial education especially, we are under lasting obligations to have a grateful remembrance of him:—*Resolved*, that, as a tribute of respect to his memory, and an expression of unfeigned sorrow at his death, Elder J. Kerr be requested to preach on Monday next, a sermon suitable to the occasion.

On motion, *Resolved*, that a committee be appointed to communicate with appropriate bodies in Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia, & District of Columbia, respecting the erection of a suitable monument to the memory of the late Luther Rice: Meredith, Armstrong, and Hooper the committee.

Adjourned till Monday morning 10 o'clock: prayer by bro. McDaniel.

Sunday, Nov. 13th.

The services of the day were opened by J. B. Ballard with singing, reading a portion of scripture, & prayer; after which T. Meredith preached the Conventional sermon from 1. Cor. 4: 2 "Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." Jas. M'cDaniel followed, and preached a sermon in behalf of the convention, from Psalm 72: 19.—"Let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and amen." After which a collection was taken up. The congregation was then dismissed for half an hour, after which they were addressed by H. A. Wilcox,

in a sermon on John 3: 3. "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

At candle-light, Elder Wm. Hooper preached from Rom. 6: 17, "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you."

Nov. 14th.

Convention assembled pursuant to adjournment.—Prayer by A. J. Battle.

The roll having been called, the reports of Committees were called for: Whereupon the Committees on Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Education, The Wake Forest Institute, Periodicals, Sunday Schools, and the Expediency of establishing a Female Seminary, made reports in order, which were received, and ordered to be published. See Appendix.

On motion, suspended business to hear brother Kerr's sermon, occasioned by the death of the late Luther Rice.

Adjourned to 6 o'clock this evening —Prayer by bro. Jordan.

Evening Session.

Met pursuant to adjournment.—Bro. Meredith prayed.

The Committees on Temperance, Am. Home Missions, Tracts, the nomination of a Board of Managers, and the expediency of sending a delegation to the Bible Convention in April next, made reports, which were accepted and ordered to be published. See appendix.

On nomination, the following persons were duly elected a Board of Managers for the ensuing year: Wm. Hooper, Wm. H. Jordan, J. J. Finch, Wm. W. Crenshaw, C. W. Skinner, D. Justice, H. S. Spivey, J. S. Mims, D. S. Williams, R. T. Sanders, D. Thomson, A. Bowden, E. Burns, E. Crutchfield, G. W. Thompson, G. Northam, A. J. Spivey, T. B. Barnett, W. Graves, W. H. Merritt, R. D. Burpas, A. S. Wynne, John Purify, A. Craig, I. N. Frost, S. J. Wheeler, G. Ryan, Steph. Fox, Wm. Crenshaw.

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of forming a State Bible Society, auxiliary to the American and Foreign Bible Society; and, in case the proposed formation should be deemed expedient, to prepare a constitution and such other documents as may be considered necessary—to report to-morrow: Meredith, Freeman, and Culpepper, the said committee.

As Wm. Roles declined the appointment of Treasurer last year, J. B. Outlaw, as acting Treasurer, reported:—report accepted and ordered to be printed. See Appendix.

Resolved, that an order be issued, for the Treasurer to pay to the agents and missionaries of this body, the respective sums due them for services rendered the past year.

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to nominate a suitable number of missionaries to operate for the Convention the ensuing year:—Outlaw, Fox, and Spivey the said committee.

Resolved, that the committee on the Agency be instructed to report on the expediency of continuing the Agency [in behalf of the Conven-

tion, and in case of expediency, to nominate one or more persons for the office contemplated.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Convention be presented to Elder John Kerr, for his discourse on the death of Eld. Luther Rice; and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

On motion, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, we believe the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ to be essential to the prosperity and future happiness of the whole human family; Whereas a large portion of the inhabitants of our own land are, to an alarming extent, destitute of the means of obtaining a knowledge of this religion; and Whereas, it is the object of the American Baptist Home Mission Society to furnish for every individual in our land, the means of acquiring this knowledge: therefore—

Resolved, that we are, as citizens and as christians, under peculiar obligation to labor for the diffusion of religious knowledge and moral principle among the inhabitants of our own country.

Resolved, that, in our opinion, this alone will counteract the deliterious influence of the numerous errors which are abroad in the land, and arrest the sore evils which threaten us as a people.

Resolved, therefore, that we heartily approve of the object of the A. B. H. M. Society and recommend it to the prayers, confidence, and liberal support of the friends of religion and of human happiness in our own state.

Resolved, that we cordially receive the Rev. H. A. Wilcox, one of the agents of that Society, to our State; and hope that he may be greatly successful in exciting an interest in, and procuring funds for, this worthy object.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.—Prayer by bro. Finch.

Nov. 15th.

Met pursuant to adjournment.—Prayer by bro. Spivey.

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to nominate 30 brethren from whom the Trustees of the Wake Forest Institute may fill vacancies in their board: Battle, Thompson and Meredith the committee.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Convention be presented to bro. Outlaw for the services rendered by him, as Treasurer, the past year.

Resolved, that we approve of the Convention of the Baptists of the U. States, to be held in Philadelphia, for the purpose of organizing a Baptist Bible Society.

The committee on the expediency of forming a State Bible Society reported—report accepted and ordered to be appended to the minutes. See Appendix.

On motion, suspended the business of the Convention for the purpose of organizing a State Bible Society, which was done accordingly.

The Committee on the Agency reported; report accepted, and ordered to be printed. See Appendix.

Resolved, That the sum of \$345 be appropriated to meet the expenses of our beneficiaries at Wake Forest Institute; viz. for bro. Johnson, \$60, do. \$95—for bro. Jones, \$95—for bro. Thos. McDaniel, \$95.

The committee appointed to nominate persons from whom to supply vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the W. F. Ins. reported—report accepted, and ordered to be handed over to the Sec. of the said Board of Trustees.

Adjourned to 6 o'clock this evening,--Prayer by bro. Douglas.

Evening Session.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by bro. Merritt.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to take immediate measures to secure the amount of \$17,000, for the purpose of establishing a professorship for Theological instruction in this State: the Committee, Meredith, Armstrong, and McDaniel.

The Committee on the nomination of Missionaries reported—report accepted.

Appointed Richard Jacks, George Douglas, John Culpeper, Sen., Wm. J. Finley, and Eli Phillips, Missionaries of the Convention for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inform the two absent Missionaries of their appointment, and learn from them whether or not they accept; and, in case they fail, to endeavour to secure the services of two others; and also, to furnish the Missionaries with suitable instructions: the Committee Battle, Meredith, and Ballard.

Resolved, That this body concur with the proposition of the Bible Society, for the publication of the proceedings of both meetings in the same pamphlet.

The Financial Committee reported—report accepted, and ordered to be appended to the Minutes. See Appendix.

Resolved, That there be 1500 copies of these Minutes printed and circulated as heretofore.

Resolved, That the Bye Laws of the Convention be appended to the Minutes.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay to T. Meredith \$60 for printing the last Minutes of the Convention.

Resolved, That bro. F. Hawley be appointed to travel the ensuing year, under the auspices of this Convention, to procure subscribers to the Biblical Recorder.

Resolved. That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the inhabitants of Yanceyville and vicinity, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this body.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to bro. Meredith for the Conventional sermon he delivered, and that he be requested to publish the same in the Recorder.

Adjourned to the time and place above mentioned.—Address and prayer by bro. Meredith.

Note.—The services of bro. Hawley are to be recompensed out of private funds—the funds of the Convention being inapplicable to such object.

APPENDIX.

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J. CULPEPER'S REPORT.

Elder John Armstrong, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention of N. Carolina:

My dear Brother,—

Another year has rolled round, and it becomes my duty to lay before you an account of my labors during the past year. —When I returned from the Convention last year, I spent ten or twelve days in the South part of Anson, and in the adjacent parts of South Carolina. I then travelled through the lower end of Montgomery, Moore, Chatham, and Wake; attended the meeting of the Board at the Institute late in November; and then proceeded to visit some of the churches in Granville, in the lower end of Orange, Chatham, Moore, and Richmond. I next visited the churches in the counties of Davidson, Guilford, Randolph, the upper part of Orange, Chatham, Granville, Person, Caswell, and part of the churches in Rockingham; was prevented by the inclemency of the weather from visiting the others; and returned through Stokes, Davidson, and Montgomery. I next visited the churches in the counties of Richmond, and proceeded as far as the upper end of Robeson; thence through the upper end of Montgomery, Rowan, Surry, Ashe, Wilkes, and Iredell; and returned to attend a Protracted Meeting in Montgomery. I then visited the churches in the upper end of Anson and Mecklenburg; some in Lincoln, Rutherford, Burke, Iredell, and Cabarrus; and returned and attended several Protracted Meetings in Anson. Thence I travelled through Montgomery and Davidson, and attended the Liberty Association in Davidson, and a Protracted Meeting at Brier Creek, in Wilkes; and returned and attended a Protracted Meeting at Brown Creek, in Anson. The first of September I started to visit the churches in the upper end of Anson, Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Iredell, Burke, and Wilkes, and attended the Brier Creek, Yadkin, Catawba, Pee Dee, and Sandy Creek Associations; a Protracted Meeting at May's Chapel, in Chatham; thence through Chatham, Orange, and Caswell to the Convention. I have travelled 375 days, have preached 253 sermons; attended 6 Associations; and 13 Protracted Meetings.—At each of these Associations and Protracted Meetings I have had an opportunity of explaining the objects of the Convention, and of describing the progress we and other kindred bodies are making in the accomplishment of these objects, and of other benevolent enterprises. I have also assisted in the formation and enlargement of several Sabbath Schools and Temperance Societies. And although our objects are very much misrepresented, and much opposition is yet kept up in consequence of these misrepresentations, where our objects are not fully known, and our motives not properly appreciated, yet I find in every section of our

country a disposition to listen to explanations in most of the people; and as far as our objects are known, and the effects of our plans are seen and felt, the prejudices of the people are vanishing; and in several sections of the country they are increasing the number of S. Schools, and Temperance Societies; and habits of drinking spirits are abandoned; and in many parts of our country the churches are forming Itinerant Boards, and employing itinerant preachers. Most of the opposition I meet with, is imaginary evils, and vanishes before the truth. Many who were misinformed, and opposed to us, are now sincere friends.— But our work is not yet finished. Much, very much, remains to be done both in our highly favoured country and in foreign lands. And great caution, and continued and increasing exertions are necessary, and a full confidence in God, a full acquaintance with his word, and an entire dependence on him, are of the utmost importance in all the friends and supporters of these institutions.

Beneath the inspiring influence of the Almighty, the church and the community are aroused and excited by the persuasion, that a glorious period is at hand. This idea is daily gaining ground, and no person who calmly views the signs of the times, can doubt it. The Church of the living God is the pillar and ground of the truth; the eyes of angels, of men, and of devils are upon us. Let us strive for an increase of holiness, for a more intimate acquaintance with the promises and designs of Jehovah, as recorded in the scriptures of truth. Let us try to form proper conceptions of the events foretold by him, who declared the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done. And let us strive, by the grace of God, to prepare ourselves and others, to stand in our lots, and discharge our respective duties, and bear sufferings, and make sacrifices proportioned to the importance of the objects contemplated, and the end to be attained. That you, my dear Brother, and every member of the Convention, and every friend of the Redeemer, may properly appreciate the importance of these things, and discharge your respective duties, and live to God's glory, and die in his favour, is the prayer of yours in gospel bonds,

JOHN CULPEPER, AGENT.

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F. HAWLEY'S REPORT.

Elder John Armstrong, Cor. Sec. of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina:

Dear Brother,—

The time has arrived when it becomes my duty to lay before the Convention through you some account of my labours for the last year. I deem it important, in the first place, to state that the committee appointed at the last Convention to prepare a letter of insruction for the Agents, neglected to discharge their duty; therefore I was left without instructions, both as to my field of labour and mode of operation.

However, shortly after the close of the last meeting of your body, I made a tour through the counties of Bladen, and Columbus, on to Wilmington, from thence to a protracted meeting in Duplin co. I also visited several

churches in this and Sampson co., & returned home in January. About the first of Feb. I made another tour, passing through the counties of Chatham, Wake, Franklin, and Nash. I then made a short tour through Robeson and Columbus. The last of April I started for the Eastern part of the State, passing through the counties of Bladen, Duplin, and Sampson, on to Greenville; from thence I passed on through Martin, and so on to the meeting of the Chowan Association, convened at Bethel, Perquimans co. I found this Association to be quite an intelligent and a very respectable body. It is almost unnecessary to say that I was cordially received and permitted to participate in their deliberations. Much good feeling prevailed throughout the session. Measures were unanimously adopted in favour of the Bible cause, and delegates were appointed to attend the meeting of the Bible Convention next April. From this I visited the church at Edenton, and so on through the counties of Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck, Gates, Hertford, Bertie, Northampton, Halifax, by the way of Tarboro, through the lower end of Nash, closing this tour at Heseba in Wake county.

The last of July I proceeded again through the counties of Wake and Franklin, visiting a few churches as I passed on to the Minister's and Deacon's meeting at Cole Rain, Bertie, co., the object of which is to settle all differences and difficulties that may exist among the Ministers and Deacons belonging to the Association. This was the second meeting of the kind and much good feeling prevailed; and but little doubt existed as to the utility of such meetings. They adjourned to meet again the 3d Sabbath in August, 1837. From this I returned, passing through Northampton, and attended a protracted meeting held at Conoconary, Halifax co., and from this through a part of Nash, Franklin, Wake, Chatham & Moore, and arrived at home about the 20 of Sept. I next attended the session of the Goshen Association, convened at Beaver Dam, Duplin co. There is a number of choice brethren connected with this Association. They have had to contend with very formidable opposition, but the force of opposition seems to be somewhat broken, and the probability is that, before many years this Association will be decidedly Missionary in its character. I next attended the meeting of the Cape Fear Association. Peace, harmony, and good feeling prevailed throughout. Opposition in this body is fast yielding to the light and force of truth. Decisive measures were unanimously adopted relative to the Bible cause. I next attended a camp-meeting at Mount Pisgah, Chatham co., and truly we had a refreshing from the presence of the Lord. As the results of the meeting, I understand thirteen were baptized. I then proceeded to attend the session of the Tar River Association, convened at Shiloh, Franklin co. I was cordially received. Resolutions of a decided character were adopted in favour of the Institutions of the day. From this I passed on to Chatham, and attended the camp-meeting at May's Chapel, and so on to this place. I have been in the service of the Convention 350 days and have received from various sources, as will be seen by an account accompanying this report \$227, 27. It is a painful fact that almost general apathy prevails among the churches where I have traveled relative to the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom. The church has evidently drank deep into a worldly spirit; and many who, a few years ago seemed to run well, now appear to be bending all their energies to amass a fortune. It is evident that christians do not realize their obligation; hence there is but little spontaneous action.— I have endeavored, according to the best of my ability, to clear up this point, and to bring christians to realize the truth that they are not their own. The standard of holiness must be greatly elevated above what it is, be-

fore the wicked will be led by the light of the church to glorify God, and the world be converted. It is further evident that there is a want of spirituality on the part of Ministers. Is it not a fact, that we are not as devoted to the duties of the ministry as we should be? It is to be feared that many rarely ever press, as closely as they should, the claims of a dying world, a world perishing for lack of knowledge. It is also a fact that scarcely a minister in the part of the State over which I have traveled, receives any thing like an adequate support: and it will be so until the church is trained to know that it is more blessed to give than to receive. There can be but little doubt but that the Sabbath School and Temperance cause is on the retrograde: many who once put their hands to the plow have looked back.

Undoubtedly we ought to thank God and to rejoice that the prospect is not worse than it is; that through the mercy of God we are permitted to hope for better times. And yet the present crisis undoubtedly calls for deep humiliation and sorrow of heart before God. It becomes the church to rend their hearts and not their garments, and to repent of their back-sliding, and to return unto the Lord, and renew their covenant obligations, and devote themselves with renewed energy to the service of their Master.

In conclusion, I would remark that I hope this Convention will fix upon some plan of operation relative to the Agency, that shall be uniform and better calculated to secure the permanent co-operation of the churches in the great objects before them. Permit me through you, my dear brother, to present my grateful acknowledgments to the Convention for the honor and privilege of serving them as their Agent. And may the great Head of the church guide by his unerring council the Convention to the adoption of such means and measures as He shall be pleased to bless to the promotion of his own glory and the advancement of his Kingdom on earth.

Yours in the Gospel.

FRANCIS HAWLEY, AGENT.

Nov. 11th, 1836.

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REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully present the following report:—

That, since the organization of the General Convention, they have been gradually extending their operations, and multiplying their missions as fast as their means would admit. They have now stations and missionaries in various foreign lands, and among the aborigines of our own country. The most important and interesting of these stations are, perhaps, those in Eastern Asia. And it should be distinctly remembered, as a subject of devout gratitude to God, that our Foreign Mission operations throughout the world, are, at present, in a very prosperous condition. Indeed they have ever since their commencement, constantly experienced the favour and rich blessing of Heaven. They have succeeded even beyond the most sanguine expectations of their warmest friends. But while we should be truly grateful to God for his blessing thus bestowed upon our labours, we should remember that our work is but just commenced. Much yet remains to be done. Much land, yet

remains to be possessed. A very large portion of the world yet remains in heathenish darkness. A vast majority of our race are yet perishing for lack of knowledge. Every means should, therefore, be put in requisition, to awaken the interest of the community throughout our land, on this subject; and to bring them up to this great work. What we have done only shows us what, through the blessing of God, we can do.— And greater exertions must yet be put forth, before the world can be converted to God. To make those exertions, our past successes ought both to encourage and stimulate us. Our prayers must be more fervent, and our contributions more liberal. Widely extended fields are opening before us on every hand, and are white already to the harvest, which will afford us ample scope for all our energies. With this view of the subject, your committee would take the liberty to recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the people of God are under obligations to pray more fervently and constantly for the success of our Foreign Missions, and for the triumph of the Redeemer's kingdom.

Resolved, That for this purpose, the monthly concert for prayer ought to be regularly observed by every church in our State.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. A. WILCOX, Ch.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of education beg leave to report;—That, in the estimation of your committee, the most of the difficulties which have arrested the progress of truth, union, and respectability among our churches, may be traced to the want of intelligence among the ministers of the sanctuary. It cannot be expected that a pastor of a church can meet all the demands of his important station without the aids of education. Your committee would name the fact that our late esteemed brother John Blount, of Edenton N. C., has bequeathed to the Trustees of Wake Forest Institute all his fortune, which amounts to ten or eleven thousand dollars. These funds will not be available before the death of sister Blount, and then the interest is to be applied to the education of young men called of God to the ministry. In view of this bequest, your committee would recommend that the Convention should raise a committee to consult with the Board of Trustees of the Institute, and devise measures to add 6 or 7 thousand dollars to the bequest and establish a professorship of Sacred Literature, to be called the *Blount Professorship*. Your committee would urge the necessity of adopting immediately energetic measures to give the young brethren of our State the advantages of theological studies. This, in the opinion of your committee, can be done in no other way than by the establishment of the above named professorship.

JOHN ARMSTRONG, Ch.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The Committee on Periodicals report,—That so much has been said relative to the importance of religious Periodicals, and happily that importance has been experienced among us to such an extent, as to supersede the necessity of much argument in their favour. While, however, we believe that the importance of this matter is pretty generally acknowledged among us, it may still be doubted whether it is sufficiently understood—whether the advantages we enjoy in the existence of the periodical publications among us, and especially of our own, together with the disadvantages which would be incurred by the privation of them, are estimated at their just value. Indeed we know, that, in relation to every blessing of life, while in the full and prosperous possession of it, it is most difficult fully to feel and rightly to appreciate its value. Unhappily for man, his privations too generally have to teach him the value of his departed blessings.

Your committee think that it is a cause of just congratulation, that our denomination enjoys the honour of having originated the first religious periodical in the State; and the possession of such a paper, conducted as it is, with acknowledged ability, constitutes a feature in the present aspect of our affairs, on which we can but look with peculiar satisfaction. It is a source of instruction and pleasure to ourselves; of respect and gratitude from our friends; and, if we have them, of dread to our enemies. Who among us but must feel that the influence of this paper and its kindred alliances, have awoken us into a new kind of being; that, under this influence, our scattered resources have been organized and made efficient; our denomination has been made to feel its strength; and our brethren have become increasingly endeared to one another by the acquaintance and union which have been its result.—Who among us, while he looks around upon the faces of his brethren, whom he is again permitted to meet in Convention—while he feels the sympathetic throb of united hearts—and while he reflects upon the blessed “unity of the spirit” which he has experienced during this interview, but must look up with adoring gratitude to God for the intervention of those influences which have resulted in so happy an issue. To the full, vigorous, and healthy sustentation of these interests, your Committee feel the importance of our Periodical. You may suppose, therefore, that it was not without feelings of painful interest, that we have learned that the very existence of our paper was in jeopardy; that the patronage it received was not at all commensurate with its necessities; and that in fact, but for certain facilities for publication which the Editor enjoys, even the expenses of its publication could not be met. Your Committee feel that we are reduced to the alternative of deciding upon more efficient measures for the support of our paper, or of consenting to lose it. And can there be any hesitation upon this subject? When we think of this distinctive feature in the present aspect of our denomination in this State—of the important, we might perhaps say, *vital* relation of the Periodical to all the interests of our Convention—to the weekly instruction and refreshment it brings us—to the valuable moral and re-

ligious influence it is diffusing—your Committee put it to the Convention and to the Baptists of N. C., and repeat—Can there be any hesitation on this subject? Your Committee believe that the sentiment should be deeply fixed in all our hearts, “The Recorder must be sustained.” We must not, and with God’s help, we *will not* suffer it to fall. The anxious enquiry, then, of all is probably directed to the point, “What can be done?” Your Committee believe that much may be done which has as yet not been done.

The measures which your Committee would respectfully submit relate, 1. To individual responsibility: 2. To an appointment of an agency especially for the paper—to be sustained by the pledge of its friends: 3. To a pledge of the same kind to the Editor of the paper, for the ensuing year. Your Committee would not be understood as uttering the language of reproof, but of counsel, and of hope, when they ask of brethren, whether more, much more, may not be done by individual exertion than has yet been done? Have we gone into this work realizing its importance? Have we put forth the energy consequent upon a conviction that a vital interest is at stake? If not, we would say, let us try again; and let us try with a still greater energy. Your Committee, however, believe the appointment of an active, energetic Agent—to be sustained by our pledge—not confining himself to this State, but occupying whatever field may invite his labours, to be of essential importance in this matter.

A similar pledge we would recommend to the Editor of the “Recorder.” We think it is due to him and to ourselves; and we believe that, if we engage in proper efforts to sustain our paper, such a pledge will be discharging an act of justice at a cheap rate. Your Committee feel that they cannot command language to give full utterance to their sense of the importance of this matter. They cannot contemplate, but with the most painful apprehension—the extinction of interests so dear and so valuable. They recoil with dread from the thought of the remotest liability of a relapse, from our present promising condition, into our former supineness and deathlike apathy. God in mercy forbid so disastrous an event. Your committee hope that the importance of the occasion will be realized; and that the friends of the Convention and of the Recorder, will enter upon this work with a spirit of invincible determination. If, as Bacon affirms, in relation to human learning, “Knowledge is power,” a more illustrious than Bacon has declared of the knowledge of God, and of his blessed Son, that it is *eternal life*. Indulging the hope that the deliberations of the Convention will result in imparting permanent establishment and security to our Periodical—your Committee submit their report.

J. J. FINCH, CH.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools would report, that they have attended to this service as far as their limited means would admit. Our remarks will be confined principally to this institution as it exists in N. Carolina. This State has enjoyed the blessings of Sabbath Schools, to some extent, for some thirty years. Schools have been formed and sustained by some of the churches of different denominations during this period: in other cases by benevolent individuals. The happy results of these schools were witnessed wherever they had been organized. However these schools were "few and far between;" the state generally did not enjoy them. In 1833 the Am. S. S. Union, at the earnest request of some of the most distinguished men in the south, resolved to establish, and for five years sustain, S. Schools throughout the southern States. For most of the time since that period, that society has had from one to three missionaries and agents in the State, whose business has been to preach the gospel, form, visit, and encourage Sabbath Schools. Depositories of Sabbath School books are now established in all the large towns in the state. It is the firm conviction of your committee, that a well selected library is very important if not essential to every school.— This will have a powerful influence in securing the attendance of the scholars.

Thirty three counties, principally in the western part of the state, have been filled up with schools according to the forementioned resolution. These schools are under no foreign control: each one manages its own affairs in its own way. Owing to the delinquency of the schools in neglecting to report to the societies to which they belong (a circumstance much to be lamented) it is impossible for us to state precisely the number of schools or scholars in the state; but we deem it safe to estimate the number of schools at 250, and scholars at 12,000.

It is impossible to enumerate the happy results and numerous advantages of this institution. How often has it changed the moral aspect of a whole neighborhood. How often has the wayward youth been allured by it, from the path of vice and sin to that of morality and virtue.— How frequently has it been the means, in the hand of God, of the salvation of souls. In many destitute parts of our country, where the schools are carried on in a *religious* manner, as all should be, they are a substitute for the preaching of the gospel. They collect the children and youth, and in many instances adults, who would perhaps, if not employed in this way, be violating God's law in a variety of ways. And here the great and essential principles of the gospel are impressed upon the mind. Children do not take great interest in the ordinary preaching of the gospel. And why is it so? It is because they appear to think that the minister is preaching to the older people. But when the teacher addresses a child personally and separately, he feels that the teacher is talking to *him*. In short, the Sabbath School, in many places, is almost the only means used for the literary, moral, and religious instruction of the children. Eternity alone can disclose the glorious results of this institution. It is true that this cause has, like every other one of

a kindred character, its opposition. There are many difficulties in the way. Your committee, however, believe that there is more to be feared from the apathy of the professed friends of this cause than from the opposition of its enemies.

Your committee recommend the following resolutions to be adopted by the Convention:—

Resolved, that this Convention view the institution of Sunday Schools among the greatest of means, under God, of promoting the kingdom of Christ.

Therefore, *Resolved*, that this convention recommend to the ministers and churches of our denomination throughout the State, to take suitable measures, as quick as practicable, to establish and sustain one or more Sabbath Schools within the bounds of each congregation.

Resolved, that all the ministers belonging to this body be requested to lay before their different congregations as soon as practicable, the importance and utility of this institution.

Resolved, that we conceive that the great object of S. School instruction is not barely to impart literary instruction, but to be instrumental in the conversion of the soul to God.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. BALLARD, Cir.

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REPORT ON W. F. INSTITUTE.

Your Committee on Wake Forest Institute respectfully report:—That under the smiles of an auspicious providence, this Institution, the beloved object of our watchcare, still continues to flourish. There are at present about one hundred students, four of whom are beneficiaries, whose orderly deportment and proficiency in their studies, fully attest the ability and diligence of the faculty.

The Institute now furnishes ample means for acquiring, at comparatively little cost, a liberal education. The Trustees, however, we are informed, whilst they design to move forward to the accomplishment of the object with caution, intend to render it still more worthy of the liberal support it has received, and they hope will continue to receive, by increasing, as circumstances will admit and may require, the number of its faculty. In the prosecution of this design, we would earnestly encourage and recommend them to persevere.

There is one object, however, to which we fear sufficient attention has not been paid; the provision of a library for the Institute.

A good library, your committee deems indispensably necessary to a seminary that aspires to high character. It is needful both to the professor and to the student, and attaches an importance to it, in the estimation of the community. We would, therefore, suggest the propriety of devising some plan for the attainment of this object.

Your committee cannot express the emotions of gratitude to God, and the joy, with which the fact that another revival has occurred among the students at the Institute, fills their bosoms. Three revivals in three suc-

cessive years! Is not this an unparalleled occurrence? Surely God takes delight in this Institution. He has stamped it with the seal of his approbation—shall it not then continue to prosper? We believe it will. Christians will feel anxious to enjoy the high privilege of aiding so favoured an instrumentality; and whilst their contributions will be liberal, their prayers will still ascend to God for his blessings upon it. Your Committee beg leave, in conclusion, to recommend the Institute to the kind regard and liberal support of the Convention and its friends.

All which they submit &c.

J. B. OUTLAW, CH.

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REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home Missions would respectfully report the following:—

The Home Mission department constitutes one of the most important branches of operation in which the Convention is engaged. It is that on the success of which depends, to a great extent, the success of all the others. It is to this that we must look for the cultivation of the soil from which alone our resources can be obtained. It is this, therefore, to which the attention of the Convention should be directed as a matter of radical interest.

Although several of our Missionaries have been constantly in the field, and have doubtless labored faithfully, and in some measure successfully, yet comparatively but little has been effected. Under such circumstances it is deemed a matter of primary importance, that measures should be immediately taken, *to increase the number and efficiency of our Missionaries.* All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. MEREDITH, CH.

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REPORT ON AMERICAN HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on A. B. Home Missions respectfully submit the following report:—

They deem this subject one of vital importance to the cause of God and human happiness; and one which demands the serious consideration, and deserves the deepest interest of every patriot, philanthropist, and christian, throughout our land. It cannot be denied that much ignorance prevails; and that many errors have been introduced, and are rapidly gaining ground in many parts of our country. If suffered to advance without any obstacles to hinder their progress, this ignorance and these errors will inevitably bring upon us, as a people, many distressing evils. And the dangers arising from these sources are every day increasing. Over them the christian publick has too long slumbered.—And in regard to them too great apathy is still manifested. The publick must be aroused to a sense of these dangers, which can be averted only

by a general diffusion of knowledge, and instilling correct moral and religious principles into the minds, and bringing them to bear upon the lives of the people. And we rejoice to learn that this work has been commenced by our fellow citizens and fellow christians in other States, through the medium of the A. B. H. M. Society. We should feel it not only a duty, but a privilege to co-operate with our brethren and friends in this glorious work. And we doubt not but the same will be the feelings of the brethren throughout our State.

Your Committee are of opinion that important advantages would result, both to the cause of Domestic Missions in this State, and to the general cause of Home Missions, from entering into that relationship with the A. B. H. M. Society, which would be secured by becoming Auxiliary to that body. This we are respectfully invited to do by the parent Society, on those equitable principles laid down in their Constitution, and more fully explained in the stipulations between that Society and its Auxiliaries, to be found in its last annual report. And in this almost all the other State Conventions in our country, have set us an example.—And since our object as a Domestic Mission Society, and that of the A. B. H. M. Society are so nearly allied, we think there can be no impropriety in this Convention's pursuing the same course.

H. A. WILCOX, CH.

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REPORT ON TRACTS.

The Committee on Tracts report:—That they have no valuable information on this subject. They have reason to believe that little, too little, has been done, in this important branch of christian enterprize.

They believe that much valuable information might be imparted, and much good done, by a judicious selection and distribution of Tracts.—They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to procure a supply of appropriate Tracts, to be distributed by our Agents and Missionaries, and that the Missionaries be instructed to organize Tract Societies wherever it may be practicable.

JOHN KERR, CH.

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REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee to whom was committed the subject of Temperance report:—That they have had the subject under consideration, and are pleased to learn that the American Temperance Society, since its establishment in 1827, has exerted a happy and salutary influence on the different classes of society, and produced a reformation in many parts of our State. Your Committee have had time to do little more than give a brief sketch of the progress of this Society and of its present state:—it now reports eight thousand Auxiliary Societies; twenty-three State So-

eties; one million five hundred members; and twelve thousand drunkards reclaimed. Your Committee conceive this to be one among the most important of the benevolent enterprises of the day, for promoting the glory of the Creator, and the prosperity and happiness of man; and recommend that every member of the Convention and of the denomination, exert his influence to form Temperance Societies, and extend the temperance reformation far and wide. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. CULPEPER, CH.

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REPORT ON FEMALE INSTITUTE.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of a Female Seminary beg leave to report:—

That they have had the matter under consideration, and have come to the conclusion, that it is not expedient, at present, to establish such seminary—such are the claims and wants of the Institute now under the care of the Convention, that it appears to your Committee, it would too much divide the attention and resources of our friends and patrons, to create a new Institution at this time. Unless such an Institution were to be aided by our funds, it could not be of such merits as to offer advantages much beyond those already in existence; and those funds, at present, are demanded for the existing wants and obligations of the Convention.

At the same time your Committee deem it proper and seasonable to express their views of the great importance of Female Education, as well on account of the direct improvement of one half of our species, as on account of the indirect influence which well-educated women exert on the welfare of the whole community. They, therefore, would urge upon the Baptist public generally, to avail themselves, so far as their circumstances will allow, of the facilities now in existence, for cultivating the minds of their daughters, in order to raise up a generation of women, who shall employ all that influence and control which are conceded to them in every civilized and christian country, on the side of liberal sentiments, and to sway the minds of men in behalf of virtue and religion.

WM. HOOPER, CH.

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REPORT ON DELEGATION.

The Committee to whom was referred, for consideration, the subject of sending a delegation to the Convention of Baptists to meet in Philadelphia for the purpose of organizing a Bible Society, for the Baptist denomination of this country, together with the most eligible means of effecting the same, after having given to the subject the best consideration of which, under existing circumstances, they were capable, beg leave to submit the following report:

Your Committee scarcely feel it necessary to say, that they most cordially approve of the contemplated Convention. On this subject they are confident that there will be but one opinion. We regard the present as an eventful crisis in the history of our denomination in this country; nor do we feel that it will be saying too much to add an expression of our opinion, that the event which has originated the Philadelphia Convention creates a crisis of deep and peculiar interest, not only in relation to the Baptist denomination, but in relation also to the advancement of Christ's kingdom in the earth. We are seriously of the impression, that it will be found in the end, through the wonder-working and adorable providence of God, to have been allied to results of the most important character to the interests of true religion. Under this impression your Committee—whatever degree of blame they may suppose to be involved in this matter, or however they may lament a new and deep occasion, in addition to the multiplied ones already existing, of seperation and alienation among the blood-bought people of God—can but solace their hearts in the contemplation of that holy and mysterious sovereignty, by which the errors and sins of men are overruled into a happy subordination to God's purpose of glory to himself, and of mercy to guilty man. In the recent proceedings of the American Bible Society, your Committee believe that God has thrown upon the Baptist denomination in an especial manner, a work of peculiar importance and responsibility. We think that, in this Providence we can hear a voice, loud and strong, which is intended to awaken us from our slumbers, which calls upon the people, who alone of all the world have stood as witnesses for God, in relation to an important and deeply interesting portion of his truth, to maintain that truth fearlessly and faithfully before the world. With this view of the subject, your committee believe that our denomination would be recreant to themselves, and unfaithful to the high interests which God has thus confided to their hands, did they not obey that voice, and gird themselves for the work to which it summons them. Your Committee therefore believe that the whole denomination should hastily and rigorously co-operate in securing the important object proposed by the contemplated Convention. We consequently recommend that the Baptists in our own State shall be represented in the Philadelphia Convention.

Your committee beg leave, in conclusion, to remark, that they think that the present crisis should be felt to be one of holy, prayerful solicitude, as well as one of prompt and energetic action. The nature of it too is such as to expose us to peculiar temptation. We should guard against an acrimoneous, vituperative spirit. It would be unsuitable to our profession, and equally so to the occasion. Let us commit our cause to God and do our duty. If our brethren have injured us—let us love them still as brethren; hoping that this matter may yet turn out for our good and theirs; and so shall we meet this event with that spirit which God will approve, which will be likely to secure the best results, and which will bring into our bosoms its own reward. We conclude by recommending to the Convention the following resolution—submitting the matter of the report, so far as not embraced in the resolution, to other

action of the Convention, and remarking that we shall feel no uneasiness in having this report freely discussed, and finally rejected.

Resolved, that we approve of the Convention of Baptists of the United States, to be held in Philadelphia, for the purpose of organizing a Baptist Bible Society.

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REPORT ON THE AGENCY.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of the Agency report:—

That, in the opinion of your committee, the history of the Baptist Convention of N. Carolina most manifestly shows, that its success is to be resolved into the efforts of the agents under the blessing of God.

The difficulties which met the Convention at its commencement, have not yet been all removed; the same arguments, therefore, that urged the appointment of an agent, at an early period of the existence of the body, may now, with equal force, be adduced in favor of a reappointment.

Much ignorance in relation to the measures and much listlessness in relation to the efforts of the Convention, must be removed. It is true much has been effected in correcting errors and in promoting the interests of truth; but much still remains to be done. Your committee indeed believe that the interests of the Convention depend largely upon the exertions of the agency, and therefore most earnestly recommend that it be continued.

Your Committee, however, with great reluctance feel bound to recommend that for the present, the appointment of an agent be suspended, and that the Board be directed to search out and employ one suitable Agent, as soon as such shall be obtained.

All of which we submit, &c.

CHAS. W. SKINNER, CH.

REPORT ON CONTRIBUTIONS.

COUNTIES.	SOCIETIES.	H. M.	F. M.	EDUC'N.	TOTAL.
Wake,	Wake Forest Institute,	20 50	20 50	20 50	61 50
	Rolesville,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
	Wake Union,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
	Wake Liberty,	5 00	5 00		10 00
	Cross Roads,	8 00	6 00	6 00	20 00
Cumberl'd,	Cape Fear Association,	38 00	37 26		75 26
	Union F. M. Society,	5 00	15 28		20 28
	Sandy Creek Association,				
Orange,	Wm. H. Merritt,		*100 00		100 00
	Mount Zion,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
Chatham,	Fall Creek,	5 00			5 00
	Bear Creek,	2 50	2 50		5 00
Moore,	Bethlehem,	2 06	2 06	2 08	6 20
Chatham,	Mineral Spring,	1 36	1 36	1 38	4 10
Orange,	W. H. Merritt,	5 00		5 00	10 00
	M. A. Phillip,				
	S. Dorsett,				
	J. Williams,				
	A. Hedding,	1 50	1 50	1 50	4 50
	T. Weaver,				
	J. H. Freeman,				
Chatham,	Crane Creek,	2 20	2 20	2 20	6 60
	May's Chapel F. M. Soc'ty,	10 08	10 08	10 09	30 25
	Rock Spring,	1 33	1 33	1 34	4 00
	G. W. Thompson,	2 00	2 00	2 00	6 00
Richmond,	Carthledge's Creek,	18 50	25 60	1 00	45 10
	Saron,	4 25	4 25	4 25	12 75
Person,	Olive Branch,	3 00	17 62		20 62
Granville,	Hester's,	2 00			2 00
	Brassfield's,	2 25	7 50	3 50	13 25
	Brier Creek,	7 25	2 00	2 00	11 25
Montg'y,	A. Carson,		55		55
	Bethlehem,	3 50	3 50	3 00	10 00
	J. Kendall,	33	33	34	1 00
Rowan,	Eaton's,	10 00	3 00		13 00
	Fork M. House,	3 75	6 50		10 25
	Jersey M. House,	6 06	6 06	6 08	18 20
Chowan,	Edenton,	5 00	5 00		10 00
Perquim's,	Bethel,	10 00			10 00
Granville,	Tabb's Creek,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
	Rocky River,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
Anson,	J. Griffin,	33	33	34	1 00
Ashe,	R. Jacks,	5 50	10 00		15 50
Franklin,	Maple Springs,	3 25	5 25	1 50	10 00
Nash,	H. Hadley,	5 00	5 00		10 00
	H. Moses,	50			50
	Mrs. Parker,	2 00			2 00
Nashville,	A. J. Battle,	3 00	5 00	2 00	10 00
	Beulah Association,	10 59	10 60		21 19

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REPORT ON CONTRIBUTIONS—CONTINUED.

Orange,	Wm. Hooper,		5 00	5 00	10 00
Granville,	Grassy Creek,		10 00		*10 00
	Island Creek,		19 25		19 25
Anson,	S. Hasty,	1 00	1 00		2 00
Meck'bg,	Jas. Boyd,		1 00		1 00
	W. Jones,		50		50
	W. Hollaway,		50		50
	W. Ramsay,	50			50
	G. Bradley,	25			25
Iredell,	New Hope,	23 00	3 00	4 00	30 00
Stokes,	J. B. Thomas,	66	66	68	2 00
Meck'bg,	Charlotte Dom. & F.M. So.	10 00	10 00		20 00
Rocking'm	R. W. Lawson,	10 00	10 00	10 00	30 00
	Mills Piland,	3 66	3 67	3 67	11 00
	Sandy Run,	4 66	4 67	4 67	14 00
Carteret,	R. Davis,	5 00	50	50	6 00
Wake,	J. Holman,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
Duplin,	B. Oliver,	66	66	68	2 00
	Mrs. Oliver,	50	50		1 00
	B. Carrell,		37		37
Sampson,	W. H. Whitfield,	50	50	50	1 50
N.Hanov'r.	J. Williams,	33	33	34	1 00
Wake,	H. Clifton,	33	33	34	1 00
N.Hanov'r.	M. Keith,	25	25		50
	M. J. Buxton,	37	38		75
	Miss Dorson,	25	25		50
Sampson,	B. Dorson,		25		25
	Donors names lost,	1 00	3 00	89	4 89
Caswell,	Fem. Friend in Yancyville,		1 00		1 00
		298 52	422 74	127 35	847 62
F. Hawley's Collection,		101 43	102 18	23 66	227 27
Sabbath Collection,		22 88	22 88	22 88	68 63
		422 83	547 80	173 89	1144 52

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH B. OUTLAW, CH.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

1836.	THE TREASURER, DR.	H. M.	F. M.	EDUC'N.	TOTAL.
To	balance rec'd of former Treasurer,	247 68	7 84	106 13	361 65
"	Cash sent to meeting of A. D. 1835,	407 25	560 00	187 08	1154 33
"	" " from Mt. Olive Church,		22 00		22 00
"	" " " D. Moore donation,	1 00	1 00	1 00	3 00
"	" " " Spring Hill Church,		38 00		38 00
"	" " " Island Creek "	3 75	6 00	3 95	13 70
"	" " " Connicanary "	9 00	4 00	10 00	23 00
"	" " " Ahoskey "	5 70	2 25	2 23	10 18
"	" " " Nashville "	4 00	4 00		8 00
"	" " " Tarborough "	12 00	12 00	12 00	36 00
"	" " " From the West "	8 34	8 33	8 33	25 00
"	" " " " " "	10 00	10 75	10 00	30 75
		\$708 72	676 17	340 72	1725 61
	CONTRA.				
By	cash p'd. T. Meredith for printing,	18 34	18 33	18 33	55 00
"	" " Mills Piland, Missionary,	50 00			50 00
"	" " " Paul Phiter, "	35 34			35 34
"	" " " Malthus Freeman, "	50 00			50 00
"	" " " Wm. J. Finlay, "	25 00			25 00
"	" " " Wm. Richards, "	25 00			25 00
"	" " " James Thomas, Agent,	56 50	53 50	26 50	136 50
"	" " " J. Culpeper, Sen. "	60 00	56 00	30 25	146 25
"	" " " Wm. J. Finlay, "	40 00	36 00	19 25	95 25
"	" " " Wm. Jones, Beneficiary,			55 00	55 00
"	" " " E. F. Johnson, "			70 00	70 00
"	" " " Thos. McDaniel, "			30 00	30 00
"	" " " H. Lincoln, Treas. U.S.F.M.		301 50		301 50
"	" " " Postage on Letters,		35		35
		\$360 18	465 68	249 33	1075 19
Balance	now on hand in Cash,	348 54	210 49	91 39	650 42

JOSEPH B. OUTLAW,
Acting Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

1836.	A. J. BATTLE, TREAS'R. DR.	H. M.	F. M.	EDUC'N.	TOTAL.
Nov. 15,	To Cash rec'd of J. B. Outlaw, Acting Treasurer,	348 54	210 49	91 39	650 42
" "	" of Financial Committee at this meeting,	422 83	547 80	173 89	1144 52
		\$771 37	758 29	265 28	1794 94
	CONTRA.				
	By Cash pd. T. Meredith for printing,	20 00	20 00	20 00	60 00
	" " " M. D. Freeman for 10 1-2 months' service as Missionary,	157 50			157 50
	By cash pd. G. Douglas for 5 2-3 months' service as Missionary,	113 33			113 33
	By cash pd. Wm. J. Finlay for 7 1-2 months' service as Missionary,	150 00			150 00
	By cash pd. Mills Piland for 3 months' service as Missionary,	75 00			75 00
	By cash pd. J. Culpeper, Sen. for 12 1-2 months' service as Agent,	120 75	118 25	42 25	281 25
	By cash pd. Francis Hawley for 11 2-3 months' service as Agent,	113 75	109 75	39 00	262 50
	By cash pd. for Wm. Jones, E. F. } Johnson, & T. McDaniel in part } for Board & Tuition as Beneficia- } ries, }			164 03	164 03
		\$750 33	248 00	265 28	1263 61
	Balance on hand Nov. 15, 1836,	\$21 04	510 29		531 33

A. J. BATTLE, Treasurer.

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*Report of the Committee appointed to settle with Charles McAllister
former Treasurer.*

CHARLES McALLISTER, DR.	H. M.	F. M.	EDUC.	TOTAL
To balance on hand Nov. 7, 1834,	290 62	309 34	186 13	786 10
To amount charged to Wm. Kimsey, but not paid,	36 23			36 23
	326 85	309 34	186 13	822 33
CONTRA.				
By mistake by E. Davis in his account,	2 51			2 51
By Cash pd. T. Crocker, Missionary,	26 66			26 66
By " " Heman Lincoln, Treas. F. M. Society,		300 00		300 00
By " " Premium on draft,		1 50		1 50
By cash pd. for E. F. Johnson & W. Jones, Beneficia.			80 00	80 00
	79 17	301 50	80 00	410 67
Balance on hand including a counterfeit S. Caroli- na bill—burnt,	247 68	7 84	106 13	411 66
				50 00
				\$361 66

Which is now in the hands of your present Treasurer.

JOSEPH B. OUTLAW, Cashier

Amount of money received for the Convention by F. Hawley, Agent.

COUNTIES.	SUCRIBERS NAMES.	H. M.	F. M.	EDUC.	
Bertie,	Isaac Freeman,	1 00			
	Wm. Eldridge,		50		
	Jon Downing,		50		
	James Ward,		1 00		
	Sol. White,		25		
	B. F. Williford,		25		
	Jas. White,		50		
	Francis Evins,		25		
Camden,	Republican Church,	2 00	2 00		
	Noah Hughs,	1 00			
	Peter Baum,	1 00			
Columbus,	Wm. Gregory,	50			
	Prong Hill,	13 00			
Currituck,	Powell's Point.	1 75			
Chatham,	Richard Dowd,	2 00	3 00		
	Mrs. Dowd,	50			
	Alex. Dowd,	50			
	P. P. Smith,	2 00	2 00	1 00	
	Silas Clark,		25		
	Ann Degraffenreed,	1 00	1 00		
	Duplin,	Margaret Garrison,	3 75		
		John Green,	1 00		
		Benjamin Oliver,	2 00	1 00	
		John Carr,		50	
Isaac Kornegay,			50		
Sarah Oliver,		50	2 00		
Franklin,		Green Ross,	25	25	
	Ann Dunn,	2 50	2 50		
	Mary Bryant,	25			
	Rebeckah Williams,	25			
	Frances Williams,	25			
	Lusan Soss,		25		
	Nancy Jenkins,	25			
	A. C. Perry,		5 00		
	Elizabeth C. Perry,		5 00		
	A. Evins,	12			
Gates,	Ladies of Shiloh Congregation,		11 62		
	Sundry Gentlemen,		5 13		
	Elizabeth Leigh,	50			
	Margaret Hoskins,	25			
	Leml. G. Darden,	1 00	2 00		
	Mills Eure,	1 00			
	John Brinkley,	25			
	Jno. Vann,	50			
	Elisha Williams,		25		
	Wm. H. Savage,	50			

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	Mills Sparkman,	50		
	C. Parker,		12	
Hertford,	Jas. Pruden,		1 00	
	Alfred Darden,	50		
	Mrs. Darden,	50		
Northamt'n,	John Peele,		3 00	
Perquimans	John Gatling,	1 00		
	Mary M. Wood,	3 00		
	Job Riddick,	50		
Pasquotank,	Pritchard Gordan,		50	
	Robt. Stacy,	50		
	C. Saltonstall,	1 00		
	G. W. Pendleton,		1 00	
	Edmond Perkins,	50		
	Salem,	1 50		
	Ramoth Gillead,	1 00	90	
Wake,	James Purify,	50	50	
	Holly Spring,	1 25	25	
	Bennet T. Blake,	2 00	2 00	1 00
Moore,	Mary Sowell,	50		
	Collection at meeting of the Chow-			
	au Association,	21 68	21 66	21 66
	Goshen Missionary Society,	23 63	23 75	
		\$101 43	102 18	23 66

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BYE LAWS OF THE CONVENTION.

1. At each meeting of the Convention, the President, or in his absence, one of the Vice Presidents, shall take the Chair, and shall call the members to order; shall preserve decorum and order; may speak to points of order in preference to other members; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convention by any two members. He shall open and close the Convention by prayer to God, or call on some brother to perform this service. He shall appoint Committees, with the sanction of the Convention. He may speak in debate upon important questions, but not until he has given other members a fair opportunity to give their views, and appointed some other member to fill the chair.

2. The names of the Delegates shall be called each day, previous to proceeding to business.

3. Invitations shall be extended to Ministering brethren present to a seat in the Convention.

4. The Officers shall be chosen by ballot, but not necessarily from among the members.

5. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other, which becometh those who reverence the God whose they are and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the President, and shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personalities. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without leave; nor more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

6. Whilst the President is putting any question, or addressing the Convention,

none shall walk out of, or across the house; nor when a member is speaking, shall entertain private discourse; nor whilst a member is speaking, shall pass between him and the chair.

7. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President, or being in writing, it shall be handed to the chair, and read aloud by the Secretary before debated.

8. After a motion is stated by the President or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Convention, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, before a decision or amendment.

9. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lie on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged. But no motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under colour of amendment.

10. When a motion has been once made, and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for reconsideration thereof on the same day.

11. When the reading of a paper is called for, and is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the Convention.

12. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he have leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

13. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

14. Should the presiding officer fail to enforce the foregoing regulations, he shall be regarded as untrue to his trust, and shall be liable to be reminded of his duty by any member present.

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CONSTITUTION.

ART. 1. This Institution shall be called the BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF N. Carolina.

ART. 2. The primary objects of this Convention shall be the education of young men called of God to the Ministry, and approved by the churches to which they respectively belong; the employment of Missionaries within the limits of this State; and a co-operation with the Baptist General Convention of the United States in the promotion of Missions in general.

ART. 3. The funds devoted to these objects shall be kept distinct from each other, and punctually appropriated agreeably to the specific intention of contributors.

ART. 4. This Institution shall be composed of such individuals and delegates from such Associations, Churches, and Societies, as shall make adequate contributions to its funds.

ART. 5. Every Association, Church, Society, or individual, shall be entitled to send to the Convention one Delegate who shall be a member of the Baptist church, for every ten dollars paid into the Treasury.

ART. 6. The officers of this convention, to be elected annually, shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer, who, with thirty others, shall constitute a Board of Directors, five of whom shall form a Quorum.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the convention and Board; that of the Vice Presidents, in case of his absence, according to seniority. The Corresponding Secretary shall be required to correspond with Societies, or individuals, so far as the interests of the convention shall require; and the Recording Secretary shall preserve a faithful record of the proceedings of the body. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the convention, to be subject to the order of the Board; shall give security for the faithful discharge of his duty, and shall make an annual report of the receipts and expenditures, which shall be audited and published with the minutes.

ART. 8. The Board of Directors shall meet semi-annually, at such place as shall from time to time designate; when they shall adopt such measures as shall

best tend to carry into effect the different objects of the convention, subject to the provisions of the constitution.

ART. 9. There shall be an adequate number of Agents, subject to the direction of the convention or its Board, whose duty it shall be to visit Associations, churches, &c., and endeavor to secure their co-operation with this Institution, conformably with the provisions of the constitution.

ART. 10. The convention shall hold its meetings annually, commencing on such day and at such place, as it shall from time to time direct.

ART. 11. The Convention shall require of its Board, a specific report of all their proceedings at each annual meeting.

ART. 12. Any alteration may be made in this Constitution at any annual meeting, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA BIBLE SOCIETY.

NOVEMBER 15th, 1836.

A meeting was called at Graves' Meeting House, Caswell County, N. Carolina, for the purpose of forming a Bible Society, Auxiliary to the American and Foreign Bible Society.

The Rev. T. Meredith was called to the Chair, and Rev. Wm. H. Jordan appointed Secretary.

On motion it was *Resolved*, That we now organize ourselves into a Bible Society.

The following Constitution was read, when it was moved that it be considered, article by article, after which it was adopted.

CONSTITUTION.

Art. 1. This institution shall be denominated the *North Carolina Bible Society*, auxiliary to the American and Foreign Bible Society.

Art. 2. The object of this Society shall be to co-operate with the American and Foreign Bible Society, in promoting a wider circulation of the Scriptures, in the most faithful versions that can be procured.

Art. 3. The members of this institution shall consist of such persons as shall contribute annually to its funds.

Art. 4. The officers shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding and a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer; to whom shall be added a Board of 18 Managers—all of whom shall be elected annually.

Art. 5. It shall be incumbent on the officers to perform the services appropriately belonging to their respective stations.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers—five of whom

shall form a Quorum—to transact all business demanding attention during the intervals of the Society's meetings.

Art. 7. The annual meetings of this Society shall be held at the same place, and on the same week, with the annual meetings of the Convention of this State.

Art. 8. The foregoing Constitution shall be subject to amendment by a vote of two-thirds, when ever expediency shall dictate.

It was agreed to ascertain who would become members of this Society by contributing to its funds, when the following persons enrolled their names, and paid the sums annexed thereto.

MEMBERS OF THE N. C. BIBLE SOCIETY.

Amos J. Battle,	5 00	Elizabeth Jordan,	1 00
Jno. Culpeper,	5 00	Prudence Dawson,	50
Jos. B. Outlaw,	5 00	W. Holder,	1 00
Alfred Dockery,	5 00	Mrs. Hollman,	1 00
W.H. Jordan,	3 00	Leml. Williams,	50
Alexis Howard,	1 00	Mary Graves,	1 00
Chas. W. Skinner,	5 00	John Armstrong,	5 00
Jeremiah Graves,	1 00	Thos. Meredith,	5 00
Delilah Graves,	1 00	Jas. McDaniel,	
Geo. Ryan,	1 00	Jno. Stamps,	
W. Slade,	1 00	Francis Hawley,	
Elisha Burns,	1 00	Wm. H. Merritt,	50
W. Russell,	5 00	Henry Spivey,	
Simeon White,	50	Joice Rice,	
Geo. Douglas,	50	James Ferguson,	
Jno. E. Harvey,	5 00	Mary Graves,	5 00
Elijah Graves,	5 00	Mary Ann Graves,	1 00
Jno. Johnson,	1 00	M. D. Freeman,	4 00
Matthew Dawson,	1 00	Connally,	2 00
Francis Poindexter,	1 00		
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			\$80 50

On motion it was *Resolved*, That we proceed to the election of officers; whereupon T. Meredith was elected President; Wm. H. Jordan, 1st Vice President; J. B. Outlaw, 2d Vice President; John Armstrong, Cor. Secretary; Rev. A. J. Battle, Rec. Secretary; and Alfred Dockery, Treasurer.

On motion, a Committee of three was appointed to nominate a Board of Managers: A. J. Battle, A. Dockery, and J. J. Finch, the Committee.

The Committee to nominate a Board of Managers reported—report received, and the following persons were appointed a Board of Managers: Wm. Hooper, W. H. Merritt, S. Wait, J. Culpeper, Sen., C. W. Skinner, J. McDaniel, F. Hawley, J. J. Finch, H. L. Graves, Geo. W. Thompson, Wm. Roles, G. Douglas, H. S. Spivey, J. P. Cook, A. Howard, G. W. Purify, Wm. Holam, and Wm. M. Crenshaw.

On motion, appointed John Armstrong and W. H. Jordan, a Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance reported that \$100 had been contributed at this meeting.

On motion, appointed T. Meredith, Wm. Hooper, J. Armstrong, Jas. McDaniel, S. Wait, F. Hawley, and A. J. Battle, Delegates to represent this body in the contemplated Convention, to be held in Philadelphia, on the last Wednesday in April, 1837.

On motion, *Resolved*, That our Minutes be appended to the Minutes of the Baptist State Convention of N.C., if it meet the approbation of that body, and the expenses of the same be defrayed by this Society.

On motion, adjourned.

Pryer by Rev. Wm. H. Jordan.

T. MEREDITH, CHAIRMAN.

A. J. BATTLE, REC. SEC'Y.



